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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Continued Examination ("RCE");
2. Amendment & Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Responsive to Final Office Action dated October 17, 2008;
3. Petition for One (1) Months Extension of Time;
4. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of **\$940.00** to cover:

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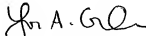
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